

ALL-IN-ONE PRINTING SYSTEM HAVING AN OPERATOR PANEL

ABSTRACT

In one illustration, the all-in-one printing system includes a machine
5 adapted to function as at least two different devices chosen from a printer, copier,
scanner, facsimile, and photo card reader. A first operator panel, when attached,
interfaces with the machine controller electronics to selectively activate the machine
controller electronics to enable the machine to function as at least one of the devices.
A second operator panel, when attached instead of the first operator panel, interfaces
10 with the machine controller electronics to selectively activate the machine controller
electronics to enable the machine to function as at least a different one of the devices.
In another illustration, the machine controller electronics, when activated by the first
or second operator panel, enables the machine to function as at least one device in a
computer-host-based mode. The second operator panel has operator-panel controller
15 electronics for the machine to also operate in a stand-alone-based mode.